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Dear Mr. Rasmussen:

Re: Completion of Dangerous Waste Notice of Intent (NOI) for the Contact Handled-
Transuranic Mixed Waste Packaging and Interim Storage Facility

Completion of Notice of Intent

On May 15, 2003, the United States Department of Energy (USDOE)-Office of River Protection (ORP) submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Washington State Department of Ecology (Ecology) for the Contact Handled (CH)-Transuranic Mixed Waste (TRUM) Packaging and Interim Storage Facility pursuant to the Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-303-281. The NOI process requirements have been completed. This letter serves as notification of Ecology's written decision to approve the demonstration of compliance with the requirements of WAC 173-303-281. While achieving compliance, some information provided in support of the NOI needs to be updated in Part B application. Ecology would like to reiterate clarification of the following issue:

- The USDOE has described proposed activities in this unit as "packing" and "storage"; however, the activities described in Section 2.2 also meet the following definition of "Treatment" provided in WAC 173-303-040:

"Treatment" means the physical, chemical, or biological processing of dangerous waste to make such wastes non dangerous or less dangerous, safer for transport, amenable for energy or material resource recovery, amenable for storage, or reduced in volume, with the exception of compacting, repackaging, and sorting as allowed under WAC-173-303-400(2) and 173-303-600(3).

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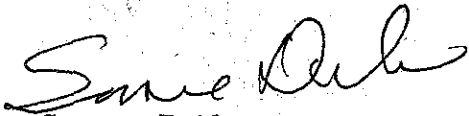
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To avoid delays in the permitting process, Ecology anticipates a more fully developed Part B Permit Application (Revision 0). Again, USDOE and contractor staff are strongly encouraged to discuss issues associated with this unit with Ecology to clarify any questions or concerns.

If you have any questions or comments regarding this letter, please contact me at (509) 736-5705 or Jean Vanni at (509) 736-3046.

Sincerely,



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